

On the

# Front lines of Disaster

By Senior Airman  
Joe Lacdan,  
Public Affairs

**On Sept. 4,  
with only a  
few hours notice,  
509th Services Squadron  
Airmen left Whiteman to aid  
the hurricane cleanup on the  
Mississippi Coast.**



**Tech. Sgt.  
Kevin Green-  
sage , 509th  
Services  
Squadron,  
puts on work  
gloves  
before  
removing  
debris.**

## 442nd begins 3-day exercise

The 442nd Fighter Wing will be conducting an operational readiness exercise today, tomorrow and Sunday. The exercise will affect traffic and parking along Arnold Avenue in the vicinities of the 442nd Fighter Wing headquarters building and the Whiteman Readiness Center.

Base employees and residents are urged to drive with caution along Arnold Avenue in these areas.

The exercise will begin at noon today and is scheduled through noon on Sunday. Operations for the exercise will be day and night and involve practicing a deployment to a mock, forward operating location.

For more details, call the 442nd Fighter Wing Public Affairs office at 687-3844.

## Traffic at Spirit Gate changes

Due to construction reasons traffic flow will change around 10 a.m. Monday at the Spirit Gate. After identification checks are performed, inbound traffic will follow the traffic barriers to the left, or north side, of the new guardhouse.

Traffic exiting the base will need to heed the traffic barriers and stay in the right hand lane around the construction. These changes are expected to go through the middle of November.



The waters had already receded by the time they arrived at Keesler Air Force Base in a C-130 Hercules armed with work gloves, cartons of bleach, tools and a willing attitude. Keesler and the surrounding towns of Buloxi, Ocean Springs, and Gulfport lay in the ruins of Hurricane Katrina’s onslaught when 18 Airmen from Whiteman came to the Buloxi Bay area. The shock and horror were memories, but the recovery had just began.

“You could tell they were hit hard,” said Tech. Sgt. Kevin Greensage, the 509th SVS NCO in charge of mortuary affairs. “I was like, ‘whoa, where do we begin?’”

The Whiteman Airmen joined 180 services troops from other Air Force bases, along with the American Red Cross, Federal Emergency Management Agency to help bring relief to Air Force members and Department of Defense civilians assigned to Keesler.

“Everybody was trying to help every-

body,” Staff Sgt. Loren Van Pelt said. “It seemed like the community and military pulled together to get everybody back on their feet.”

When Hurricane Katrina swept through Keesler on Aug. 30, flood waters damaged Keesler’s commissary and base exchange, and waters also swept through its dining facility. Many Airmen and civilians remained on the base as well as technical school students, who were told they would not graduate. A new dining facility and commissary was needed.

Then the services Airmen went to work. First they spent 10 hours decontaminating Keesler’s dining facility with green scrub pads and bleach, then they set up a temporary commissary and base exchange at Keesler’s community center which made it through the storm mostly unscathed.

“Anything the water touched we had to disinfect,” said Sergeant Greensage, who was taking his son to a birthday party when he learned about the deployment Sept. 3. The Whiteman Airmen were given only four hours that day to prepare.

While they were assigned to help Keesler recover, much of their work would

be outside the base’s gates in the flood-damaged towns in the Bay of Buloxi.

### Ravaged Coastline

The foul odor emitting from the homes was almost unbearable.

“It was definitely a smell that not everybody can handle,” Sergeant Greensage said. “It was a smell far worse than some of my mortuary cases.”

Black mold, spoiled food, and the bodies of dead pets produced the foul aroma as the Airmen collected debris and removed contaminated household items from houses along the coast.

It was just one obstacle the Airmen dealt with as they moved the items out of the homes and onto roadsides.

At first the Airmen aided the homes of people who worked on or had ties to Keesler. But many more needed their help.

Mississippi citizens whose homes were ravaged by Katrina also called on the Airmen for aid.

“We didn’t turn down any jobs,” Sergeant Greensage said.

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## News briefs

## Road Closure scheduled

The project to repair Houx Drive from Sijan Avenue to Gray Lane begins Monday.

Drivers are asked to stay off Houx Drive while work is underway. Oversize construction equipment will reduce space in the safe drive lane.

To ensure safety for all in the construction zone the speed limit will be 5 miles per hour. For more details about this one-week project call Gary Hall at 687-6281.

## PRP reinstatements changes

Beginning Nov. 1, the 509th Medical Group will issue Personnel Reliability Program reinstatements only between the hours of 8 a.m.-9 a.m. and 2-3 p.m., Monday-Friday. All non-flying active-duty members who need PRP reinstatements must acquire their reinstatements to the medical group PRP office during these times. Active-duty members on flying status should report to the Flight Medicine Clinic, as usual.

If you have any questions, you may contact Kathy Robinson, 509th Med Gp PRP manager, at 687-4299.

## ECP 2 temporarily closed

The Whiteman Fire Department has temporarily closed the Entry Control Point 2 parking lot. It will remain closed until Saturday for the department's second Annual Fire Muster Competition on Saturday.

## Mandatory SARC training set

Airmen must a mandatory Sexual Assault Response Coordinator class at the base chapel by Nov. 1. The Air Force has developed the SARC program to help victims of sexual assault.

Currently, the training is optional for civilians. The classes are broken down into male and female classes. Airmen should coordinate with their supervisors on a class date. Supervisors and flight chiefs must send their first sergeants one list of names, date and time each member in your section is scheduled to attend SARC training. Classes will be available through Oct. 27. For more information, call your first sergeant.

## Around the Air Force

## Airman found guilty

**ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. (AFPN)** — A military jury here unanimously found Senior Airman Andrew Paul Witt guilty of two specifications of premeditated murder in the July 5, 2004, stabbing deaths of Senior Airman Andrew Schliepsiek and his wife, Jamie.

Airman Witt was also found guilty Oct. 5 of one specification of attempted premeditated murder in the stabbing attack of then-Senior Airman Jason King.

## DOD begins relief efforts

**WASHINGTON (AFPN)** — Department of Defense officials announced Oct. 10 that Navy Rear Adm. Michael Lefever will establish a humanitarian coordination center in Islamabad, Pakistan.

Admiral Lefever will coordinate Defense Department support to the State Department, other U. S. government agencies and to the Pakistan government in response to the earthquake that struck South Asia Oct. 8.

Army Lt. General Karl Eikenberry, commander of coalition forces in Afghanistan, is in Islamabad to oversee the initial U. S. military assistance response.

## And they're off



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ryan Wilson

Runners begin the annual Combined Federal Campaign run Wednesday at Skelton Park. The run marked the start of the annual CFC which runs through Nov. 23. The 5k run was sponsored by the Whiteman Chiefs, Whiteman Tier 2, and the Army and Air Force Exchange Service.

## 'Gateway' ends 60-year legacy

By Airman 1st Class  
Eric Donner

469th Air Base Group Public Affairs

**RHEIN-MAIN AIR BASE, Germany** — Although 60 years of airlift legacy came to a close, the "spirit" of this base will endure.

The long-time airlift hub closed during an Oct. 10 ceremony attended by U.S. and German dignitaries.

A C-17 Globemaster III bearing the name "Spirit of Rhein-Main" was unveiled by Lt. Gen. Christopher Kelly, Air Mobility Command vice commander; Col. Brad Denison, 469th Air Base Group commander; and retired

Col. Gail Halvorsen, the famed "Candy Bomber" of the Berlin Airlift.

More than 800 servicemembers, veterans, civilian employees and well-wishers turned out to say farewell to the former "Gateway to Europe." A C-17 with the moniker, "Spirit of Berlin," made the symbolic last flight following the ceremony, dipping its wing toward Rhein-Main's hangars in a final goodbye.

Gen. Robert H. "Doc" Foglesong, U.S. Air Forces in Europe commander, said the closure marks an ending and a beginning, referring to Frankfurt International Airport's planned

expansion. Airport officials plan to add a third passenger terminal, which will be built where the base currently stands.

The general highlighted several groups that have served here over the years, from the veterans of the 1948 to 1949 Berlin Airlift to the current Airmen with the 469th ABG tasked with officially closing the base in December.

"From a grateful nation," said General Foglesong, "I'm here to say thank you to all those individuals that made this base famous."

U.S. Ambassador to Germany William Timken Jr. said although the base's legacy will not be forgotten, its closure marks a transi-

tion.

"This transition is part of a larger strategy to prepare NATO to meet the challenges of the 21st Century — to defend freedom, strengthen democracy and provide a stable environment where prosperity can grow," he said.

Since 1949, Rhein-Main and the Frankfurt International Airport worked together to create the U.S. military's most important airlift base in Europe — not only on the military side, but on the commercial side as well.

Dr. Wilhelm Bender, the airport's chairman of the board of executives, said it is with sadness that Rhein-Main comes to a close.

Secretary of State to Airmen:  
'You've done an extraordinary job'

**MANAS AIR BASE, Kyrgyzstan (AFPN)** — Perfect weather and more than 500 Airmen with the 376th Air Expeditionary Wing here greeted the 66th secretary of state, Condoleezza Rice, when she arrived Oct. 11.

The relatively small, but strategically important Kyrgyzstan was the secretary's first stop in her four-day, four-country tour of Central Asia. She is also scheduled to make stops in Afghanistan, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan before returning home to the U.S.

"We were absolutely honored to have a part in welcoming the secretary to the country," said Col. Randy Kee, 376th AEW commander. "The Airmen here have been pushing hard to keep Operation Enduring Freedom manned, fueled and equipped, and to have a visitor of her caliber recognize their work was inspiring to us all."

Some speculation had also arisen about a possible stop in Pakistan after the recent earthquake and Secretary Rice spoke of

the compassion of U.S. forces during disasters.

"When people are in need, we go to their side, much as people came to our side recently after hurricanes Katrina and Rita," she said. "And I know you'll do a fine job in support of those operations, just as you've done an extraordinary job in support of the operations in Afghanistan."

While speaking briefly to the gathered assembly of American, French and Spanish troops, Secretary Rice highlighted the importance of coalition cooperation in the fight against terrorism.

"We have strong allies in this fight. It is not an American fight but rather a fight of free peoples," Secretary Rice said. "I want to thank you for the way you work together here as a Coalition — the way it really should be."

After addressing the servicemembers, Secretary Rice was scheduled to travel to Bishkek, the capital of Kyrgyzstan, for a meeting with officials there.



Photo by Robin Hicks

**Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice speaks to Airmen at Manas Air Bases, Kyrgyzstan Tuesday.**

"When I see the leadership of Kyrgyzstan I will talk about the fact that we are allies in the war on terrorism as is demonstrated here," she said.

# Fallen Comrade

## Deployed Airman ‘embraced life and took on all challenges’

By Capt. Michael Johnson  
386th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

**SOUTHWEST ASIA** — A small flight of security forces Airmen stood at parade rest at a forward deployed location here. Then the NCO in charge of the flight called them to attention and began a roll call. Each name was called and each Airman responded with “here.” Then the sergeant stopped.

“Airman Jacobson,” the Sergeant said.  
No reply.

“Airman 1st Class Jacobson,”  
he said again.

No reply.

“Airman 1st Class *Elizabeth* Jacobson,” he said finally.

Still, no reply.

The SFS Airmen were gathered in a funeral ceremony to pay tribute to their fallen comrade, Airman Jacobsen, who was killed on a convoy near Camp Bucca, Iraq, Sept. 28. Airman Jacobsen was providing perimeter security when her vehicle was hit by an improvised explosive device.

More than 225 Airmen, Soldiers, Sailors and multinational partners crowded the new base chapel Oct. 6 to pay their final respects to their comrade in arms, Airman Jacobson. She is the first female Airman killed in the line of duty supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Then as bag pipes softly played “Amazing Grace” over the chapel speakers, a security forces Airman slowly carried a folded flag forward and placed it in a memorial display near the inverted M-16, helmet and boots.

Through the open chapel doors, the voice of a firing squad team leader gave commands. Following each series of commands, the crack of synchronized rifles firing shots echoed through the doors. Then, from a distance, a bugler played “Taps.”

The final tribute ceremony included a firing squad, a roll call acknowledging her absence and emotional words from friends and colleagues.

“For those of you who didn’t know Airman 1st Class Jacobson, she was more than another article in the papers,” said Staff Sgt. Katrina Hunt, of the 386th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron. “She was more than the first female Airman to have fallen in Iraq, she was more than a hero. She

was my troop, my friend and a person only few have been lucky enough to know.”

Col. Timothy Hale, 386th Air Expeditionary Wing commander, spoke about Airman Jacobson’s courage, dedication and the unanswered questions filling the space where a young Airman once stood.

“Of course, we don’t have any of those answers. But because we have the questions, we clearly have a responsibility to stand in the breach for her,” he said. “We are not just the beneficiaries of her bravery; we are the stewards of her sacrifice.”

Lt. Col. David Briar, 586th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron commander talked about his conversation with Airman Jacobson’s father.

“I spoke to her dad the day after. We both grieved and then he told me how she was excited to be (deployed) and working on convoys,” he said.

The final ceremonial tribute came from a letter Airman Jacobson had written for family and friends which was read aloud by Sergeant Hunt. The short letter ended with, “I also believe in

love and here is my quote. We’re only on Earth for a little while, so live life to the fullest and carry a smile.”

The Riviera Beach, Fla., native was assigned to the 17th Security Forces Squadron at Goodfellow Air Force Base, Texas. Airman Jacobson had been in the Air Force for two years and had been deployed to Iraq for more than three months.

“She was an outstanding Airman who embraced life and took on all the challenges and responsibilities with extraordinary commitment to her country, her comrades and her family,” said Col. Scott Bethel, 17th Training Wing commander at Goodfellow.

“Her dedication to the U.S. Air Force and serving her country was evident in all aspects of who this young lady was,” he said. “Team Goodfellow and the San Angelo community are deeply saddened by this tragic loss of one of our cherished familymembers,” Colonel Bethel said. “Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family during this difficult time.”

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— Col. Timothy Hale, 386th Air Expeditionary Wing commander



Airman Jacobson:  
Died Sept. 28



Photo by Staff Sgt. Scott Campbell

**A final memorial tribute to Airman 1st Class Elizabeth Jacobson sits at the base chapel of a forward deployed location in Iraq Oct. 6. The helmet and identification tags represent the fallen servicemember, the combat boots signify the final march of the last battle and the inverted rifle with a bayonet symbolize a time for prayer to pay tribute to a fallen comrade. Airman Jacobson was deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and was killed in the line of duty Sept. 28.**

## General Moseley: C-17 'worth weight in gold' in Pacific



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Shane Cuomol

**HICKAM AIR FORCE BASE, Hawaii** — Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. T. Michael Moseley talks to an Airman with the 15th Airlift Wing here Oct. 6. General Moseley is here holding a general officers call for the Pacific Air Forces theater.

By Louis Arana-Barradas  
Air Force Print News

**SAN ANTONIO** — Basing C-17 Globemaster IIIs in Hawaii will boost Pacific Air Force’s airlift capabilities in the region, the Air Force chief of staff said Oct. 6.

Gen. T. Michael Moseley said with the huge transports flying out of Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command can better “move things around” in the theater.

“The C-17’s proven its worth in gold” for the Air Force in the war on terrorism and for humanitarian relief, the general said.

“The thing has proven to be just an amazing aircraft,” he said.

Hickam will receive eight C-17s from February to September 2006. It will be the first time the Air Force bases C-17s at an overseas base, said Maj. Paul Wright, 15th Airlift Wing spokesman.

The wing will operate Pacific Air Forces first

strategic airlift mission jointly with the Hawaii Air National Guard’s 154th Wing. That makes it the first time an active-duty and a Guard unit will integrate to perform such a mission, the major said.

The aircraft will be assigned to the 535th Airlift Squadron.

The two wings have been working since August 2004 to build a new infrastructure to handle the transports. When it activates, the unit will have more than 550 active-duty and Guard Airmen, and give the command its first strategic airlift wing, Major Wright said.

“Hickam will become the main airlift hub in the Pacific,” he said.

General Moseley said having C-17s in Hawaii will allow the Air Force to work much closer with the Army — which has thousands of troops on the island. It will also allow TRANSCOM and AMC to use the aircraft to solve strategic problems in the region.

“So to have these aircraft in the Pacific, and have them here at Hickam in a centrally located place is going to be money for us,” the general said.

# Program provides service to people with disabilities

**By Rena Morin**

509th Security Forces Squadron

The Computer/Electronic Accommodations Program was established in 1990 as the Department of Defense's centrally funded program to provide accommodations to federal employees and it offers real solutions for real needs.

CAP provides assistive technology and services to

people with disabilities to ensure they have equal access to the information environment and opportunities in the DoD and throughout the federal government. They offer real solutions for folks in need, such as a needs assessment.

CAP will determine what's needed to allow a disabled person equal access in the information environment. For example, people who are hard of hearing can get hearing devices or a special telephone through CAP.

For people who have problems seeing the computer, CAP has special equipment for that, too. If the desk isn't ergonomically correct for your disability, that can also be fixed through CAP.

CAP also provides the installation, integration and training for using the product. CAP's 5 million dollar annual budget usually allows most of its services to be free.

For more details, call Rena Morin at 687-5812.

# Whiteman Spirit Award



## Maj. Larry Groves

509th Medical Group

Maj. Larry Groves, 509th Medical Group, received the Whiteman Spirit Award Tuesday from Brig. Gen. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander.

Lt. Col. Jeff Vinger, former 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, nominated Major Groves for the award.

“Major Groves is simply a miracle worker in the medical group clinic’s physical therapy unit,” Colonel Vinger said.

“On numerous occasions and on only minutes notice he has rearranged his schedule or sacrificed his lunch break to take the time to correct painful problems of suffering patients,” he said. “Major Groves is a total professional, deeply concerned with the well being and care of his patients, and focused on fixing them so they can complete their missions.”

**Time on station:** 1 year, 2 months.

**Time in service:** 19 years, 1 month.

**Hometown:** Adrian, Mo.

**Spouse:** None, at the moment.

**Children:** Emily, 12 and Charley, 9.

**Hobbies:** Reading, writing and arithmetic.

**Goals:** To be like MacArthur’s old soldier.

**Best thing about Whiteman:** It brought me back to Missouri.

**Pet Peeves:** Young physical training leaders and osteoarthritis.

**What motivates your winning spirit?** Working daily with my outstanding NCO in charge, Staff Sgt. Jesse Stroot, 509th Medical Operations Squadron.

**If you could change one thing about Whiteman, what would it be?** Expand the fitness center into a multipurpose building like the one at Central Missouri State University.

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“Some of them would break down and start crying,” Sergeant Van Pelt said. “Some lost their childhood friends. They had a normal life and they had to start over.”

“It gave me a greater appreciation for what I have,” said 2nd Lt. Megan Davenport, a services team leader during the deployment. “You don’t realize what you have until you lose it. It was hard to watch. These people lost everything.”

Sergeant Van Pelt said their efforts touched the lives of many.

A father of one coastal family had to have a leg amputated from injuries suffered during the hurricane. Jewel Hogan-Zimmerman, an Ocean Springs resident thanked the Airmen in a letter for their efforts during the three week deployment.

Other Airmen, like Staff Sgt. Shawanda Draper helped provide housing for Airmen augmenting Joint Task Force Katrina, technical school students, FEMA employees and Red Cross members. If housing was unavailable, the Airmen searched the local area for hotels and alternate housing, Sergeant Draper said.

The Airmen said the experience changed their lives.

“We were proud to do anything to help them regain a sense of normalcy and start to rebuild their lives,” Lieutenant Davenport said.

# CHAPEL CORNER

## Catholic

**Eucharistic service** — 11:30 a.m.  
Tuesdays-Fridays, and  
9 a.m. Sundays.

**Religious education** — 10:45 a.m.  
Sundays at base education center.

## Protestant

**General worship** — 11 a.m.  
Sundays.

**Gospel** — 1 p.m. Sundays.

**Sunday School** — 9:30 a.m.  
Sundays at base education center.

Additional worship opportunities are offered through various lay councils, organizations and activities. For more information, call 687-3652.

## Celebrating Hispanic Heritage

# Hispanic culture: strong threads in America

**By Capt. Christopher Klaiber**  
509th Military Equal Opportunity

Tomorrow is the last day of Hispanic American Heritage Month. This last look into hispanic heritage is a Q and A with Staff Sgt. Valerie Deverney, 72 Test and Evaluation Squadron, who has a family origin of Mexico.

**Q: What made you choose the Air Force?**

**A:** I was raised in El Paso, Texas near an Army Fort and seeing men and women in uniform caught my attention. In high school I joined JROTC and the military members seemed to really treat each other like family members.

**Q: What connection do you have with your heritage?**

**A:** My family has lived in the

United States for several generations and tracing my family is proving very difficult. Many of my questions regarding my family history are directed towards my father. He explained to me that the origins of our family here started when my great grandfather came to the United States from Mexico.

**Q: Do you see yourself as an American or a Hispanic?**

**A:** I really enjoy my Hispanic heritage and my family and I continue to celebrate Mexican traditions, but since my family has lived in the United States for so long

American culture is a big part of our daily life.

**Q: What contributions do you feel you are making to the Hispanic Heritage Committee?**

**A:** Because I am continuing to seek out my Mexican heritage I



Staff Sgt. Deverney

like to get involved in sharing and preparing traditional Mexican recipes. During Christmas I like to prepare tamales for my family and friends. It's rewarding to offer friends a taste of something different and see their reactions.

**Q: What advice can you give to a Hispanic American interested in joining the Air Force?**

**A:** It has been my experience that Hispanic families are very close and leaving home can be very difficult. I feel that the Air Force really does fill the gaps left when you leave home for the first time. I believe that is where we get the term "Air Force Family."

**Q: What are your plans for the future?**

**A:** For right now I plan to continue my education and work towards becoming an Air Force officer in the future.





Photos by Staff Sgt. Neo Martin

## A taste of culture

**Left:** Members of the Hispanic Heritage Committee serve a home cooked free lunch to attendees at the community center Wednesday. The ethnic cuisine consisted of several traditional hispanic dishes and non-alcoholic beverages. After lunch was served, 2nd Lt. Irma Garcia, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, and Master Sgt. Pedro Canabal, 509th Bomb Wing, taught the participants how to Salsa. **Above:** Capt. Christopher Klaiber, 509th BW, controls the elevation on a pinata, while a Lee Summit North High School student attempts to hit it.

# 1st Sergeant's View



(EDITOR'S NOTE—

**The 1st Sergeant's View gives Whiteman first sergeants a chance to share their thoughts about the Air Force, uniform wear, customs and courtesies and proper decorum with other Airmen. Each article will feature a different first sergeant who will share their view.)**

**By Master Sgt. John Watry**  
**509th Medical Group**

I have talked with Airman Leadership School students, Airman Professional Enhancement Course students, and to this years NCO induction seminar attendees, and I've been told that formal feedback has been lacking.

Feedback is one of the most important but also one of the most neglected supervisory tools you can use to make your troops better Airmen.

It is discussed in all levels of Professional Military Education and in the Promotion Fitness Examination but it is quite often not conducted or is conducted haphazardly.

Productive feedback sessions groom our future leaders and make sure the Air Force can carry out its mission now and in the future.

Good feedback, both formal and informal, lets individuals know what's expected of them, what their strengths and weaknesses are and it helps them grow both professionally and personally.

Good formal feedback must be comprehensive. Everyone has things they can do well and areas they can improve in. Even individuals who earn a firewall five; nobody is perfect.

Just because you tell a stellar Airman they have areas they can improve on does not mean they can't earn that firewall five. Every applicable area on the feedback sheet should be covered thoroughly. If you tell someone they are doing a good job, cite specific examples; likewise if they have problem areas, tell them what you or others have observed.

Never give a feedback like one I received several years ago in which the feedback had the areas marked and a generic statement saying I was doing a good job. That type of feedback doesn't serve any purpose other than to fill the requirement to have one.

It is unfair to the individual who receives the feedback and to the future units the person will be assigned to. You

owe it to your people to let them know what they need to do to be better at their job and what they need to be doing to prepare for increased responsibilities and future promotions.

Formal feedback is not a one-way street; it is both the supervisor's and subordinate's responsibility. It is the supervisor's responsibility to perform a thorough and honest feedback to give their Airmen the tools they need to succeed.

It is also the subordinates responsibility to make sure they are getting formal feedback. If you are not getting your required feedback, talk to your supervisor. If it still isn't happening, take it up the chain to their supervisor. Don't settle for generic statements like "you are doing a good job."

Ask for clarification on how you are doing a good job and what areas can be improved. It is your career and it is in your best interest to make sure you understand how you are doing and what you need to do in the future.

Giving good, comprehensive and honest feedback is not easy. It should be well thought out and not done quickly. People are not mind readers; if you do not let them know what you expect and what they can improve it just isn't going to happen.

Supervisors owe it to their Airmen and the Air Force to ensure Airmen have the tools and knowledge to become better at what they do and to prepare them for whatever the future may hold.





Left: A man walks near one half of a vehicle that was torn apart by 150 mph winds from Hurricane Katrina Aug. 30. Below: Airmen from Whiteman and technical school students from Keesler Air Force Base load a boat onto a trailer.

## SPECIAL REPORT:

# Rising from the rubble



Above: More than 180 services airmen from Air Force bases nationwide helped move debris from homes along the Buloxi-Gulf Coast region in September. Airmen first class Gina Robles and Kamwren Nichols, 509th Services Squadron, take a break from the relief effort at Keesler Air Force Base. Right: Master Sgt. Robert Jackson, 509th SVS, removes ceiling materials damaged by Hurricane Katrina. The Airmen also helped set up a dining facility and temporary commissary in Keesler's community center.



Photos by Staff Sgt. Rebecca Geiger

## Team Whiteman Community

### Changes in women's health clinic

The 509th Medical Group's Women's Health Clinic is temporarily without a provider due to a PCS. Contact your primary care manager for any women's health concerns.

If you have questions about this temporary absence of the Women's Health Clinic provider, call 1st Lt. Phillip Oliphant, 509th Medical Group Practice Manager, at 687-4288.

### WOSC hosts auction

The Whiteman Officers' Spouses' Club is sponsoring an art auction Oct. 21, at Mission's End.

Art previewing starts at 6 p.m. and the auction begins at 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit scholarships and charitable gifts. Tickets cost \$10 in advance (until Monday) or \$15 at the door and include hors d'oeuvres and desserts.

Dress is duty uniform or civilian casual. For more information or tickets call Michelle Pepkowitz at 747-6725 or Bobbie Irmischer at 429-6578.

### WESC hosts craft show

The Whiteman Enlisted Spouses' Club is looking for vendors for the fall craft show for Nov. 12.

Booths cost \$25 and space is limited. To register a vendor, or for more details, call Jenette Curtis at 233-3507 or e-mail [craftshow2005@yahoo.com](mailto:craftshow2005@yahoo.com).

### AADD seeks volunteers

Airmen Against Drunk Driving, a base organization that

promotes safety, is looking for volunteers.

AADD is a basewide program that has volunteers on 24/7 telephone standby for any Airman who feels he or she has had too much to drink and needs a ride home.

AADD's goal is to eliminate cases of driving under the influence and driving while intoxicated on Whiteman and in the surrounding community.

If you are interested or would like more information, contact 2nd Lt. Mary Olsen at 687-6121 or e-mail [mary.olsen@whiteman.af.mil](mailto:mary.olsen@whiteman.af.mil).

### Food pantry needs donations

The Whiteman Food Pantry, located in the Family Support Center, needs donations. Donated items benefit Airmen and their families in need.

Donations can be given anytime by placing food items in the collection bin permanently located in the commissary.

# THE WEEK IN PHOTOS



**James Tugle**, son of Tech. Sgt. James Tugle, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, plays alto saxophone during Knob Noster High School's performance at Sonic restaurant. *(Courtesy photo)*



**KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Brig. Gen. Chris Miller**, 509th Bomb Wing Commander, signs autographs for NASCAR fans at the Kansas Speedway Sunday. General Miller attended the NASCAR Nextel Cup Series Banquet 400. *(Courtesy photo)*



**Above: Chris Sandefur**, 509th Security Forces Squadron, tries to elude Chris Royal, 509th Operations Support Squadron, during the Whiteman Intramural Football League playoffs. OSS won the game. *(Photo by Staff Sgt. Neo Martin)*  
**Right: A B-2** takes off from the flight line. *(Photo by Airman 1st Class Ryan Wilson)*





# Happy Birthday U.S. Navy

By Capt. Tony Wickman  
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

## ACROSS

- 80s music group \_\_\_ Leppard
- Van Helsing actress Beckinsale
- Wage
- Overhead
- Black in color
- Overseas mil. address
- Hero of the Battle of Manila Bay; Spanish-American War
- Memorandum
- Test answer
- Perfect score (two words)
- Bolt partner
- Football stat
- F-18 gauge
- \_\_\_ Korbut; 4X gymnastic medalist (1972 Olympics)
- Head movement
- CAPT, CDR, CPO, PO, SA, etc.
- Mil. abbrev. for time left in uniform
- Flirtatious
- Tarnished
- \_\_\_ Arabia
- Commodore who forced opening of Japan
- Generates
- Singer Torme
- In existence
- Thaw
- Repeated 2X for USN jargon of “I understand and will obey”
- Hanker for
- James V. \_\_\_\_; SECNAV and first SECDEF
- Scottish clan leader an outlaw
- I.M. \_\_\_\_; American architect
- Historic
- Advanced
- Rotated
- Dark brown color
- \_\_\_ Antonio

## DOWN

- Round wood pin
- Occurrence
- Displaying an otherworldly aspect
- Former president, decorated WWII PT boat commander
- Roughly
- Stumbles
- Compass dir.
- Touch lightly
- Tax month
- Naval aviator and Gemini, Apollo, and Shuttle astronaut
- Oklahoma town
- Greek letter



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- Greek letter
- Encourage
- Cow sound
- Rodent
- Haggard tune “\_\_\_ from Muskogee”
- USN port in Italy; home to AFSOUTH
- Keyboard key
- Road material
- Litigate
- Gun lobby
- Mistake
- Color
- Lady
- Fairy
- Plug
- Seafarer
- Descry
- Circle part
- Shoreline
- \_\_\_G. Rickover; admiral called “Father of the Nuclear Navy”
- Recycle
- Infinitesimal
- Pie type
- 53, to Caesar
- Feline
- Tolkien character
- Fall mon.
- USN underwater boat

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You have to be patient with it,” said Fisher DeBerry, Air Force head coach. “They were able to utilize the clock. That’s exactly why we run it.”

Sixty seconds later, Carney rolled to his right and fired down the middle to a wide-open Greg Kirkwood for a 54-yard touchdown to re-establish Air Force’s 10-point cushion at half-time. Carney completed 6-of-9 passes for 111 yards.

Meanwhile, Owens completed 8-of-12 for 171 yards, including a 61-yard scoring strike to wide receiver Jason Tomlinson early in the third quarter that shaved the Air Force lead to three points. Tomlinson caught four balls for a game-high 114 yards.

Following a Navy punt, Falcon halfback Justin Handley found the end zone from 7 yards out, upping the ante to 24-14. Air Force’s luck ran out from there.

Four minutes later, a 20-yard Bullen field goal started a string of 13 unanswered Midshipmen points that sealed the Falcons fate.

Air Force still leads the all-time series over Navy, 25-13. The Midshipmen (2-2) have won the last three meetings, each by a field goal. It is their first three-game winning streak over the Falcons since 1977-’79.

“I feel and bleed for our kids, particularly our seniors,” DeBerry said. “I wanted them to go out as winners against Navy. I told our kids I wish I had an answer. But, it’s the same old script, the same old story.

“You can’t say we’re not playing exciting football,” he quipped. “We’re keeping people on the edge of their seats.”

## Crossing into the blue



Photo by Master Sgt. Bill Huntington

Col. Pat Cord, 442nd Fighter Wing commander, administers the oath of enlistment to six new wing members in a ceremony held in the 5-bay hangar, Oct. 5. Throughout the first week in October, the Air Force Reserve Command conducted mass enlistments across the United States. Recruiting officials hoped to reach 10 percent of their yearly recruitment goal in the first week of the government's fiscal year.



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## Sports & Recreation

### Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

#### Fourth annual crappie tournament

A crappie tournament will be held 7:15 a.m.-3 p.m. Oct. 22 at Long Shoals, Truman Lake. There will be prizes for first, second and third place. Entry fee is \$25 per boat for either individual or two-person teams. Sign up at outdoor recreation by Monday or contact them for more details.

#### Orienteering class

Brush up on useful map reading skills with a free outdoor recreation class. The class covers compass reading, map symbol identification and understanding contour lines. Participants will then put theory into practice with a trip to Knob Noster state park. The class takes place 9a.m.-noon. Oct. 29. sign up at outdoor recreation by Tuesday.

### Fitness Center 687-5496

#### Yoga class

Yoga is a great way to relax, strengthen and unwind mind and body. There is a free class at 6:10 p.m. every Tuesday at the fitness center.

### Information, Tickets and Travel 687-5565

#### Entertainment coupon books

Coupon books for Kansas City and Branson, Mo., are now available from tickets and travel. Stop by their new location in the outdoor recreation facility.

## Food & Fun

### Mission's End 687-4422

#### Live music

Country night with a difference, a live band will be playing 8 p.m.-Midnight Saturday at Mission's End. Entry is free so just bring your dancing boots!

#### Football frenzy

Football fans can watch all weekend at Mission's End.

ESPN College football is shown every Saturday 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and NFL Sunday ticket games take place 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

### Royal Oaks 687-5573

#### Steaknight

Every Friday and Saturday 5 p.m.-8 p.m., the Royal Oaks club house becomes a steak house with a great atmosphere, delicious chicken and the best steak around!

### Movie Schedule

#### Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m.

**Red Eye**  
Starring Rachel McAdams and Cillian Murphy

**PG-13**

Movies subject to change due to availability.  
For current and future movie listings log on to  
<http://www.aafes.com/ems/conus/whiteman.htm>.

#### Sunday at 5 p.m.

**The Cave**  
Starring Morris Chestnut and Eddie Cibrian

**PG-13**

Adults: \$3.50 Children: \$1.75  
Movie Recording Line: 687-5110

## Community Activities

### Arts and Crafts Center 687-5691

#### Scrapbooking sale

Drop into the arts and crafts center and check out the new decorative paper and albums. All scrapbooking items are 25 percent off during October.

#### Airman pumpkin carving

Airmen first class and below, can enter their pumpkin creations in the arts and crafts center's Halloween competition. Judging will take place at 10 a.m. Oct. 28, carved pumpkins must be delivered by 5 p.m. Friday. The entry fee is \$2. Prizes available for the winners.

### Child Development Center 687-5588

#### Drop in care

The child development center can provide drop in child care for all ages on a space available basis for \$3 per hour.

#### Child care and program places

The Tuesday and Thursday morning developmental enrichment pre-school program has openings for 3- to 5-year-olds. There are also several openings for full time care for 3-5 year olds. Contact the child development center for more details.

### Teen Center 687-5819

#### Arts and crafts Wednesdays

Arts and crafts sessions are held 5-7 p.m. every wednesday at the teen center. The next activity is Impressionistic painting followed by clay hand sculptures on Oct. 26.

#### Tailgate party

The teen center is going tailgating at Knob Noster high school in support of the football team 6-10 p.m. Oct. 21. There will be transportation for the first 13 teens to sign up.

### Youth Center 687-5586

#### Kids' night out

The weekly kids' night out at the youth center is open to all children ages 6-9. The theme for Oct. 21 is Far East, children will be transported back in time to soak up the ancient culture, activities, craft and games of the Far East. The event takes place 6:30-9:30 p.m. and costs \$6 for members and \$8 for nonmembers.

#### Pre-teen sports night

Games and activities for children ages 10-12. The fun starts at 6 p.m. Oct. 22 in the youth center. Athletic shoes must be worn. The cost is \$3 for members and \$4 for nonmembers.

### Community Center 687-5617

#### Whiteman Idol

Start practicing for a moment of stardom in Whiteman Idol. Everyone is invited to show off what makes them special, whether it is singing, dancing, a comedy routine or magic tricks. The show starts at 6 p.m. Nov. 4 at the community center. First prize is a digital camera supplied by Warrensburg Wal-Mart.\* Sign up by Nov. 1.

### Family Child Care 687-1180

#### Extended duty care

Register now for for the extended duty care program. It is available to help parents meet child care requirements for extra duty hours and child care emergencies. Care is provided in a contracted, licensed family child care home to augment regular care arrangements. An application must be completed prior to participation. Call for more details.

#### Free returning home care

Military members returning home from a 30-day or longer deployment are entitled to 16 hours of free child care for each child 12 years old and younger. An application and a copy of orders must be submitted to the family child care office prior to participation.

### Library 687-6217

#### Test preparation

The library has a range of guides available to help preparation for CLEP, DANTES, civil service, foreign service officer, ASVAB, clerical exams, EMT, Firefighter, military flight aptitude and officer candidate tests.

#### Library computer resources

All base members and their families can make use of the library's computing facilities. The 18 workstations offer broadband internet access, Microsoft Office XP including Access and Adobe Photoshop 6.0. There are also three laptop connections available and a mother/child workstation.

### Veterinary Clinic 687-2667

#### Halloween pet safety

Halloween can be a hairy experience for pets. The following are safety tips to protect your pet during the season of goblins and ghouls.

■ Candy is not for pets, chocolate is poisonous to a lot of animals and tin foil and cellophane wrappers can be hazardous if swallowed.

■ Be careful of pets around lit pumpkins, pets can knock it over and start a fire or curious kittens might burn themselves.